

Communist China Produces First Civil Transport Aircraft: On 24 December

it was announced that Communist China had produced its first civil aircraft, the AN-2, on a trial basis. An official of the Temporary State Commission stated that extensive tests during the past forty days showed the aircraft was of excellent quality and met state specifications.

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Comment: It is believed that the Chinese Communists will enter domestic series production of the AN-2 (Colt) transport at Plant No. 320 or 321 in Nanchang in Kiangsi Province.

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The piston engine bi-wing, Colt will meet a needed requirement in Communist China. While serving an important light transport role, the AN-2 has a wide range of agricultural uses. Fulfilling the need for a light transport, the trial production of the AN-2 marks an important stride in the expanding aircraft industry of Communist China.